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Dear Administrator:

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is designing our Medical Information Reporting for California (MIRCal) system for Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery on-line data reporting. The MIRCal project is an exciting endeavor and your input is valuable to us.

Enclosed is an Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery Survey for you and your staff to complete. We want to better understand your working environment while designing a system that helps your facility meet the reporting requirements to OSHPD.

The following facilities are required to submit data on-line to OSHPD beginning in 2002:

- Hospitals with an Emergency Room
- Hospitals with an Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Freestanding Licensed Ambulatory Surgery Clinics

California Health and Safety Code, Section 128736 requires each hospital with an emergency room to file an Emergency Care Data Record for each encounter in a hospital emergency department. Compliance to this law is effective January 1, 2002.

California Health and Safety Code, Section 128737 requires hospitals and freestanding surgery clinics to file an Ambulatory Surgery Data Record for each patient encounter during which at least one ambulatory procedure was performed. Compliance with this law is effective January 1, 2002.

OSHPD is committed to working with you while building a data collection system that is both easy to use and responsive to the technical issues of on-line data transmission. Information from this survey will be shared with our Focus Group members and a summary of the survey results will be posted on our website (www.oshpd.state.ca.us/hid/MIRCAL/). We appreciate your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tella M. Williams'.

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